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SUBJ: FINANCE MINISTER CONFIRMS GRADUAL DEVALUATION AND RUPEE
DROPS ANOTHER NOTCH

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1. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE LAST WEEKEND, FINANCE MINISTER RONNIE DE MEL CONFIRMED THAT THE RUPEE IS BEING DEVALUED "VERY SLOWLY AND GRADUALLY." THIS SO-CALLED "PEGGED CRAWL" IS BEING USED RATHER THAN A LARGE DEVALUATION IN ORDER TO AVOID UNNECESSARY ECONOMIC DISLOCATIONS. THE MINISTER INDICATED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROCESS IS TO UNDO THE "INSANE" DEVALUATION OF THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT.

2. THE GRADUAL DEVALUATION BEGAN ON AUGUST 19 (REFTEL). THE NEXT STEP DOWNWARD TOOK PLACE ON AUGUST 29, AND A THIRD REDUCATION IN THE RUPEE'S VALUE WAS ANNOUNCED ON SEPTEMBER 7. THE CURRENT PARITIES ARE RS. 7.7829 PER US DOLLAR AND RS. 13.5524 PER POUND STERLING. THE TOTAL EFFECT OF THE THREE CUTS EQUALS A DROP OF 6.4 PERCENT RELATIVE TO THE DOLLAR AND
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8.9 PERCENT AGAINST THE POUND.
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